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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 12-18, 33-42, 44-52, and 59 without prejudice, consistent with Applicant's election of the Group I invention. Hence, Claims 1-11, 19-32, 43, 53-58, and 60-65 are presented for examination herein.

Restriction Election

Applicant herein elects the Group I invention without traverse for further prosecution.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Applicant submits herewith an IDS and PTO Form 1449 citing thirty-one (31) references for consideration by the Examiner.

Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope, including those of non-elected inventions, in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

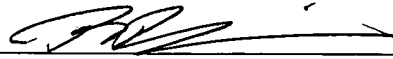
Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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